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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NIKOLAUS MARTIN ERLMANN ) Group Art Unit 3679  
Serial No. 10/642,473 )  
Filed: August 15, 2003 ) Examiner Gregory J. Binda  
For: FLANGE YOKE ) Attorney Docket 1-24622

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RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2004, enclosed is a certified copy of the priority document for the above-identified application. Please extend the period of time in which to file this Response by one month, up to and including February 17, 2005, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0005 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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